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For: DNA MOLECULES ENCODING VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL  
CELL GROWTH FACTOR II SUBUNITS (as amended)

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER § 1.136(a)**

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